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Crop Progress and Condition



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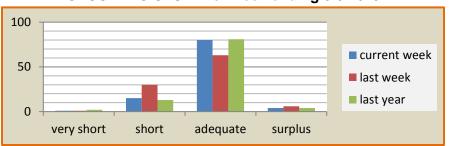
<u>Agricultural News</u>: Days suitable for fieldwork were 4.9. Weather conditions were less dry, helping with moisture levels as precipitation amounts were up from the previous week. Farming activities this week included making hay, harvesting wheat and picking peaches.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/22/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	%	%	%	%	
Topsoil	1	15	80	4	
Subsoil	2	13	81	4	

⁻Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 07/22/18



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 07/22/18

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	1	20	70	9
Peaches	-	1	29	68	2
Corn	1	2	16	65	16
Hay	-	1	26	69	4
Soybeans	-	1	7	89	3
Pasture	-	13	30	50	7
Cattle & Calves	-	-	21	70	9
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	11	79	10

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 07/22/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg	
	%	%	%	%	
Peaches harvested	15	2	20	11	
Corn planted	97	94	99	100	
Corn emerged	92	84	99	99	
Corn silking	21	4	33	35	
Hay first cut	96	92	99	89	
Hay second cut	15	3	22	8	
Soybeans planted	89	85	99	99	
Soybeans emerged	81	79	98	96	
Soybeans blooming	5	-	14	23	
Winter Wheat harvested	66	54	88	73	

⁻ Represents data not available or zero.

Weather Summary- For the week ending July 22, 2018

Temperatures were slightly below normal for the week in a few locations with the rest of the area remaining very seasonable. Multiple cold fronts crossed into the area Tuesday and Wednesday before high pressure regained dominance for the remainder of the week. Most of West Virginia had a good amount of rainfall in the past week in response to the multiple cold fronts that passed overhead. A higher number of stations have seen above average precipitation totals compared to normal for this time of year.

<u>Temperatures</u>: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 96 degrees. Beckley and Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 49 degrees. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

<u>Precipitation:</u> Charleston had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.95 inches. Moorefield had the lowest with zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 1.19 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 07/22/18

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		Те	mperature	9			Precipi	tation	1
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Station	High	Low	Average	Departure	Total	Norm	2018	Last Year	Normal
NORTHWEST									
WHEELING	91	57	72	-1	0.41	0.98	19.87	21.01	14.87
PARKERSBURG	91	60	75	0	0.68	0.97	14.76	21.23	14.77
CRESTON	88	52	71		2.29		16.82	16.56	
NORTHCENTRAL									
MORGANTOWN	90	56	72	-1	1.04	1.08	16.72	21.74	15.62
CLARKSBURG	93	57	74	1	0.35	1.59	17.07	24.50	16.69
BELINGTON	91	54	73		0.66		21.96	20.55	
WESTON	91	55	72		0.96		23.21	21.22	
SOUTHWEST									
WILLIAMSON	91	60	75		1.24		14.35	24.47	
HUNTINGTON	88	59	74	-2	3.15	1.08	15.88	17.31	15.44
CHARLESTON	87	55	72	-4	3.95	1.18	16.82	17.90	16.04
RIPLEY	88	52	71		2.29		17.51	16.93	
CENTRAL									
TERRA ALTA	84	50	67		0.34		23.14	26.16	
ELKINS	85	49	69	-1	0.30	1.22	21.90	16.72	17.48
MARLINTON	84	51	69		0.61		17.29	17.79	
SOUTHERN									
BECKLEY	84	49	67	-4	0.53	1.16	13.41	19.94	15.76
PINEVILLE	86	55	73		2.20		16.63	24.32	
BLUEFIELD	83	54	70	-3	1.49	0.95	13.14	22.87	15.02
WHITE SUL SP	88	51	69		0.36		15.22	16.04	
BLUESTONE DAM	84	55	70		1.01		14.61	17.39	
NORTHEASTERN									
MARTINSBURG	94	60	74	-1	1.99	0.84	23.60	17.88	13.98
KEYSER	96	52	72		0.35		22.68	18.75	
MOOREFIELD	90	52	71		0.00		16.07	13.51	

State Average Temperature 71 State Average Precipitation 1.19

Source:

Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.